'K' (Potash) as Potassium Chloride. Likewise, every metric ton of Urea contains 46% or 460 kg of 'N' (Nitrogen).

(c) As envisaged above, the natural resources for raw materials and intermediates in the phosphate and nitrogen sector is limited in our country and is very inadequate to meet the total requirement of the Fertilizer industry for manufacture to chemical fertilizers. Similarly, the total availability of potash (MOP) is met through import, as there is no known economically viable indigenous source in the coutnry. It is pertinent to mention here that the availability of raw material/intermediate is on the basis of natural resources of the country and, therefore, the efforts to procure these raw materials are, by exploring possibility of sourcing supply at a favourable price from countries rich in these resources through joint ventures.

(d) The raw material and intermediates are imported by the manufacturers of chemical fertlizers on private accunt where Govt. has no control on imports. Therefore, the annual cost of these materials is accounted for by the manufacturers independently.

Shortage of fertlizers

†1216. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was huge shortage of fertilizers in the country during Kharif and Rabi crops;

(b) if so, the demand of fertilizers in tonnes made by the State Governments for Kharif and Rabi crops during the year 2006-07 and details of fertilizers provided to them by the Governments, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have formulated any plan for meeting such shortages of fertilizers in future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) and (b) While the Demand, availability and sale of fertilizers in the country during 2006-07 (upto January 07) were as follows, sufficient availability of fertilizers was ensured by the Department of Fertilizers in each of the months in Kharif and Rabi at the State level is given as per Statement I and II (*see* below).

01.04.2006 to 31.01.2007 *(in lakh MT)*

Product	Demand (assessed before the season)	Availability	Sales
Urea	223.12	222.94	208.71
DAP	73.46	77.79	62.09
MOP	28.44	22.76	20.06

Shortages at the local levels were reported in some States. Urea is the only fertilizers whose movement and distribution is under the partial control of the Government of India (GoI). GoI is responsible for supplying urea up to the State level. It is the responsibility of the State Governments to ensure distribution of fertlizers as per local demand within the State.

(c) and (d) The following steps have been taken for boosting the indigenous production. The Government has approved the New Pricing Scheme (NPS) Stage III on 1.02.2007 to be implemented with effect from 1.10.2006. Under the NPS III, the movement of urea will be monitored throughout the country by an on-line web based monitoring system. The subsidy on urea will be paid only when urea reaches the district. Further, the Department will operate a buffer stock through the State Institutional Agencies/fertilizer companies in major consuming States up to a limit of 5% of the seasonal requirement. The gap between requirement and indigenous availability of urea is met through imports.

As far as decontrolled Phosphatic and Potassic fertilizers are concerned, subsidy is released on sale of fertilizers. The responsibility of meeting the full requirement of decontrolled fertilizers in any State in with the concerned stage Governments. State Governments have been advised to identify at least one State Institutional Agency, which would deal with the required quantities of decontrolled fertilizers. Buffer stocking of decontrolled fertilizers by the Government of India would be made only to meet any emergent requirement.

To ensure availability of urea in all parts of the country, the freight reimbursement to urea units will now be on actual rail and road leads.

Statement-I

Date: 30.09.2006

State-wise requirement, availability. Sales and closing stock of UREA 1st April., 06 to 30th Sept., 2006

Product:Urea *Kharif 2006* *Qty. (Mts.)*

Name of State	Req.1st April to 30th Sept., 2006	Avail.1st April-06 to 30th Sept., 2006	Sales 1st April.,06 to 30th Sept., 2006	Closing Stock As on 30th Sept., 2006
Andhra Pradesh	1350000	1181630	1157000	24630
Karnataka	660000	730760	705190	25570
Kerala	82000	80170	73460	6710
Tamil Nadu	400000	461710	434190	27520
Gujarat	700000	663520	654200	9320
Madhya Pradesh	410000	439670	421570	18100
Chhattisgarh	400000	393500	379220	14280
Maharashtra	1100000	1190090	1159650	30440
Rajasthan	500000	416420	383290	33130
Haryana	750000	710820	685340	25480
Punjab	1250000	1247520	1160210	87310
Jammu & Kashmir	72000	65330	52570	12760
Uttar Pradesh	2450000	2394210	2264090	130120
Uttaranchal	88000	125340	120460	4880
Bihar	900000	683170	666390	16780
Jharkhand	124000	108970	100820	8150
Orissa	340000	295550	286540	9010
West Bengal	450000	444940	441820	3120
Assam & Other N.E.	154150	149110	135370	13740
Other Total	57375	56940	49970	6970
All India	12237525	11839370	11331350	508020

Statement-II

Date: 31.01.2007

State-wise requirement, availability. Sales and closing stock of UREA 1st Oct., 06 to 31st Jan., 2007

Product Urea *Rabi 2006-07* *Qty. (Mts.)*

Name of State	Req.1st Oct,.06 to 31st Jan., 2007	Avail.1st Oct., 06 to 31st Jan, 2007	Sales 1st Oct., 06 to 31st Jan., 2007	Closing Stock As on 3st a.m., 2007
Andhra Pradesh	910000	902560	740450	161810
Karnataka	328000	340760	285840	54920
Kerala	51250	50330	43060	7270
Tamil Nadu	480000	396600	361970	34630
Gujarat	660000	661090	655140	5950
Madhya Pradesh	768000	835090	774930	80160
Chhattisgarh	60500	53650	43350	10300
Maharashtra	640000	642420	577740	64680
Rajasthan	723000	788550	748610	39940
Haryana	840000	838970	790870	48100
Punjab	1105000	1060860	1034450	26410
Jammu & Kashmir	48000	25070	16490	8580
Uttar Pradesh	1987000	2228020	2089110	138910
Uttaranchal	58000	73360	71500	1860
Bihar	650000	725100	676420	48680
Jharkhand	43000	51870	47320	4550
Orissa	82000	90460	53270	37190
West Bengal	510000	471180	425680	45500
Assam & Other N.E.	89705	63580	41630	21950
Other Total	42237	30540	28420	2120
All India	10075692	10330060	9506550	823510